



**E**xecutive Director Sharon Currens was the first staff person hired by the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association. Incorporated in 1982, KDVA provides support, technical assistance and a public voice for domestic violence shelters and survivors. KDVA has expanded from the days of Sharon sitting in an attic with one computer, to having 16 employees and servicing numerous programs to protect and change the lives of domestic violence survivors across Kentucky. Staff Attorney Mary Savage said, 'I didn't pick domestic violence, it picked me.' In the numerous positions Savage has held in her 24-year career, she has seen domestic violence pop up in a variety of contexts. She has now made it her specialty in her nearly six years of service to KDVA. Mary O'Doherty, a former newspaper journalist for Kentucky's two largest papers, was tired of watching the news and not actively doing anything to help the issues she confronted on a daily basis in the newsroom. She now heads KDVA's Economic Empowerment Project, helping to empower women to take control of their lives and circumstances and make positive changes for the betterment of themselves and their families. >>

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## Profile of the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association Mary Savage, Mary O'Doherty and Sharon Currens

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